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## News Briefs

### Noted speaker to give IFC lectures

Will Keim will be on the Rose-Hulman campus Sept. 12 to give two Interfraternity Council-sponsored lectures on the topics of date rape and Greek life.

A recognized educator, residence hall director and campus minister, Keim has spoken to over 500,000 students on 500 campuses across America and Canada about problems that collegians face in everyday life.

Keim has been the recipient of the Outstanding Man of America award and is a member of the Order of Omega and Blue Key. During the 1985-86 academic year, he was

named the Outstanding Professor at Oregon State University.

Keim's speaking approach has been described as confrontive, honest and direct. Keim says in regards to his speeches, "I want to impact the lives of the students and audience members in a positive way."

The IFC-sponsored lectures will be given in the Moench Hall Auditorium. The first lecture, "Date Rape," will start at 4:30 p.m., and the other lecture, "Demythizing 'Animal House,'" will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## The end is near

by Matt Lovell

The Rose Drama Club is pleased to announce that the end of the world is coming. This event will happen on October 11, 12 and 13 in Bruce Graham's morbid comedy *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille*.

The play is set in present time at the above-named bar and follows six characters as they cope with "the end" in their own way. The charac-

ters are then met by a mysterious fellow who claims he can save them.

Auditions for the production will be held Sept. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sept. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Moench Hall Auditorium. Those interested in technical work (set design, lighting, set construction, stage crew, etc.) are also encouraged to come for an organizational meeting.



Students study in comfort in the new Learning Center, located in the basement of the Logan Library.  
Photo by Brian Dougherty

## Learning center completes relocation

by Donald Stanton  
News Editor

The Rose-Hulman Learning Center has been recently relocated on the east lower level of the Logan Library. According to Susan Smith, Learning Center coordinator, the new facility is centrally located for easy access.

Accompanying the relocation, the Learning Center has also received changes in interior decorating. With the help of Ron Carney, maintenance, Susan Smith submitted a proposal for the facility to James Eifert, Dean of Faculty. The proposal was then approved by the Board of Managers. The project was completed over summer break.

The Learning Center provides Rose-Hulman students with var-

ious academic services. This often includes peer tutorial assistance in chemistry, mathematics, physics and writing. Other resources consist of texts, workbooks, reference materials, sample tests from various professors, and a writing and study skills handout file. In addition, the center offers help with resume preparation, evening writing seminars, and test review sessions in math, chemistry, and physics.

Tutors for the Learning Center are chosen with the recommendation of the faculty. This person must display adequate knowledge in a subject area. A training session of six to eight weeks follows. After successful completion of the training session, tutors start to work. A typical

tutoring session ends with evaluations of the sessions conducted by the student and the tutor.

According to Susan Smith, at least fifty percent of the students visited the Learning Center one or more times during last school year. This accounted for 3,462 visits. With such a large student response, the Learning Center needed to relocate.

The Learning Center is open between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the weekdays. Students are encouraged to call ahead to schedule tutorial sessions. However, immediate help is offered if a tutor is available. Every student is encouraged to stop by the Learning Center and take advantage of the capable staff and new facility.

## Alpha Chi Sigma brings home national awards

by John Becker

Rose-Hulman's chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, Iota, won two awards at the 40th Biennial Conclave, the professional fraternity's national convention held in early August at Tallahassee, Fla. The awards were given in recognition for the chapter's achievements over the last two years.

The honor of Best Non-House Chapter was bestowed upon Iota for its continuous activity. Some of those activities included a Boy Scout Merit Badge program in chemistry for local troops, a plant trip to IMC-Pittman Moore's research facilities, alumni speakers and a chemistry magic show during Parent's Day. The chapter was also noted for its road trips to other chapters. Over the past year, members of the Iota chapter travelled a total of over 60,000 miles to visit 13 of the 41 chapters located in 11 different states as well as the professional fraternity's national offices.

The second award was the Three Star Chapter award, which is given to chapters who promptly complete paperwork requirements and sponsor social, professional and alumni activities.

Representing the Iota chapter were Chapter Adviser and chemistry professor Howard L. McLean; Rose alumni John Becker (CM '89) and Harold Cowan (CH '90); and students Bob Mark and Doug Williams. McLean was appointed to a committee to revise the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program in chemistry, and Cowan was appointed to a committee responsible for evaluating grants toward chapter activities.

During the week-long meeting there were legislative sessions, an awards banquet and plenty of socializing with other chapters.

Alpha Chi Sigma, often referred to as "Axe," is a professional fraternity consisting entirely of chemistry and chemical engineering majors. The Iota chapter was established in 1909.

## COMPUTERS AND ETHICS

A lecture series will be held with nationally recognized experts on the relationship of computers and ethical issues. All lectures will be held in the GM Room of Moench Hall.

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Ethics and the  
Computing Professional

Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Computers and Privacy

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Ethics, Virtues, and  
Computer "Vandalware"

Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Ethical Implications of  
Computer Technology for the  
Physically Challenged

## Activating military reserves could affect up to 187,000 collegians

(CPS) — As many as 187,000 college students across the country had their fall term plans cast into doubt Aug. 22, when President George Bush said he would soon call up military reservists to support and replace troops already sent to the Middle East.

If and when the call comes, the students would have to leave school abruptly, sometimes unsure if they will have a place when they return or if the tuition money they paid will be wasted.

"I don't know what frame of mind I'll be in for my studies," said Junior Waldron, an Army reservist who is a sophomore engineering major at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

No one knows exactly how many of the reservists subject to being called to active military duty are college students.

Joe Hanley, spokesman for the U.S. Army Reserves, estimated that 61 percent of his group's 579,000 members are full- or part-time college students.

The other branches of the military do not keep figures on how many of their reservists are students.

Colleges themselves typically don't know how many of their students are subject to the military call-up.

To find out, Drexel University in Pennsylvania set up a hotline Aug. 23 for any students or staff who would be affected by the Middle East crisis, but received just four calls - only one from a student reservist - during its first week of operation, reported Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Woodring.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait, its small but oil-rich neighbor Aug. 2, life became uncertain for both students and their schools.

Originally Pentagon officials thought only 100,000 soldiers would be needed, but raised the figure to 250,000 a week later.

On Aug. 22, Bush said he would activate 40,000 reservists to support and replace the troops he had already sent to the Persian

Gulf region. It was the first time reservists had been called to active duty since the Tet Offensive in Vietnam in 1968.

Suddenly campuses were forced to ponder a significant number of students and staffers leaving mid-semester to serve. Course sections could lose their instructors. School finances could be disrupted if fewer students were around to pay tuition and dorm fees. Students themselves could have their studies interrupted.

Although there is a federal law that protects the jobs of workers who are called to duty, there is no law protecting students, Hanley said.

To ease uncertainty among student reservists, Purdue University published a detailed letter assuring students they would get their fees refunded and earn a certain amount of credit, depending on when they withdraw.

Smaller schools said they will deal with the situation on a case-by-case basis.



## Opinion

## TIDBITS

by Amit Bhatiani  
Features Editor

I would like to start out by welcoming all the freshmen to Rose . . . makes me feel a lot better knowing that there are still people who will pay good money to enjoy an average of 5 hours of sleep for four years!

I spent the summer at home in India and had a whale of a time. There was only one major problem . . . this time I understood all that the American tourists had to say about the motherland!

The army finally found a way to keep those budget cuts off. According to confidential and reliable reports received here, the Pentagon paid a huge undisclosed amount of money (reportedly close to the federal deficit) to Saddam Hussein in return for giving them a lifeline!

News anchors had a field day showing President Bush playing golf in Kennebunkport while showing American families waiting for news about American hostages in Iran. It seems that President Bush is caught in a no-win situation, either way he goes, he does the RIGHT THING!

That's about all for this week of Tidbits . . . Hope everybody has a super year and take care.

**BE ALIVE DON'T**  
**DRIVE and DRIVE**

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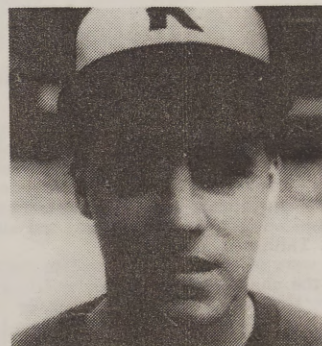
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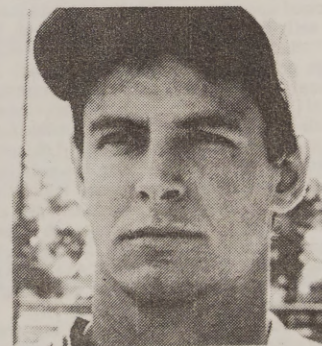


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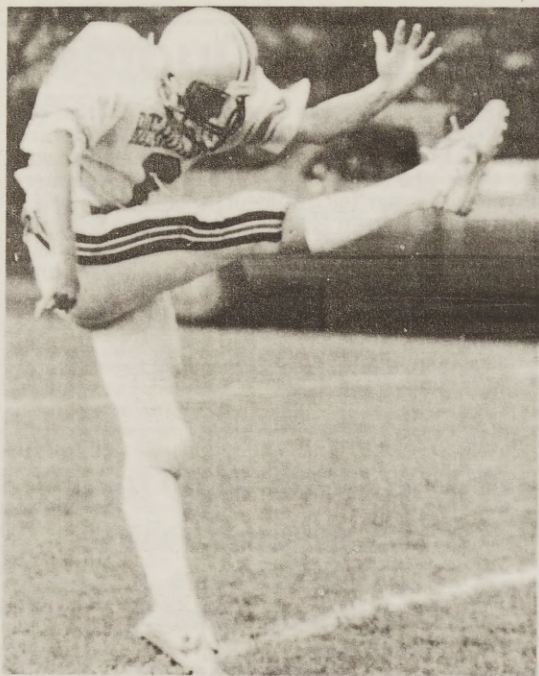


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## Sports



Punter Steve Dinsmore, ICAC Player of the Week twice last year, joins a group of seniors hoping to lead the Engineers to yet another winning season.

## Soccer season still uncertain

by Ken Koziol  
Sports Editor

The Rose-Hulman soccer team may still be in a transitional period, but it could be any time now that it leaps out from it. Coach Greg Ruark brings an 11-21-3 record into his third year on the job.

As far as if the team will have a banner year or not, Ruark says "only time will tell." With only one senior on the team, Ruark will look for new faces to challenge for positions more than in the past and for younger athletes to rise up and take control.

Senior halfback Todd Logan leads the team after being named Rose's most valuable player and leading scorer (six goals) last season. Other team leaders include juniors Steve Susten (All-ICAC choice last year), Andy Causey (five goals), Corey House, and Tom Brown.

At press time the team dropped its first two games to Maryville (5-3), and Rockford (1-0). The next game for the Engineers will be on Wednesday, September 12 at home against Earlham College.



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## Football opener tomorrow at 1:30! Engineers hope the first is the worst for St. Joe's

By Ken Koziol  
Sports Editor

Scott Duncan and the Rose-Hulman football team hope that the first-ever game with Mount St. Joseph's College is its worst. The Blue Lions open their season on Phil Brown field against the awaiting Engineers.

Little is known about the young team, being that it has never had football at the school before the past year. Head coach John Pont has been taking control of a team, made mostly of freshmen, for just over a year. Pont was Duncan's coach at Northwestern, and has had jobs at Yale, Miami University, and Indiana University where he took his team to a 1967 Rose Bowl Championship. His work is cut out for him now, though.

The college recently turned coed in 1986, so males are still scarce on campus. Take a large group of freshmen, a handful of sophomores, and a few juniors, and soon enough they begin to

look like the Blue Lions. Some possible bright spots for the team may be Rob Paff, a 5-10, 170 pound quarterback who led his high school team to the state playoffs, and Dave Miller (6-5, 195). A three-year soccer player during high school, Miller played football his senior year and had an excellent year catching 10 touchdown passes.

The Engineers plan on being ready, also. After three weeks of practice, including two weeks of two-a-days and two scrimmages, Rose-Hulman's "new look" plans on breaking through once again. Keith Shrage, new offensive coordinator, has brought the strategy and intensity needed for a breakthrough year.

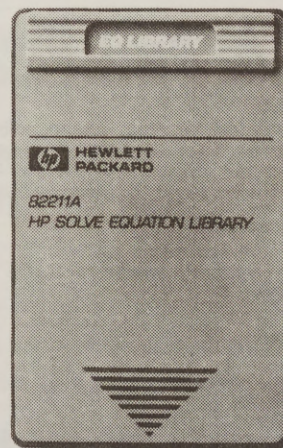
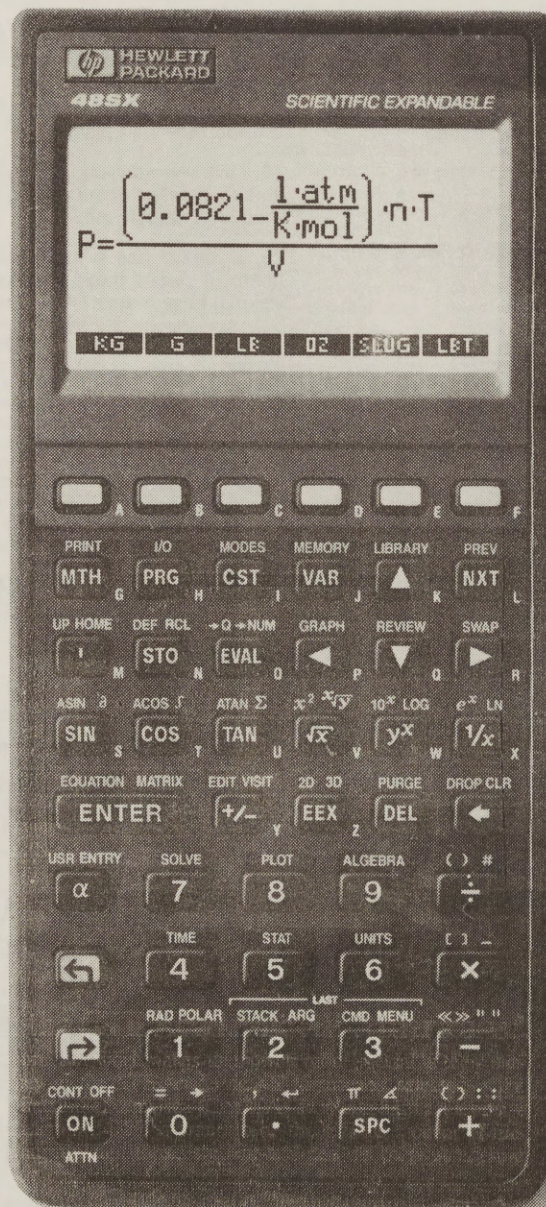
Sophomore quarterback Todd Foreman returns for the Engineers after having a successful year at the helm last season. Senior co-captains Jerry Harris, Ed Huonder, Cevin Bryant, and Neal Rumsey will all be ready to

improve on their impressive statistics of the previous three years.

Tomorrow's opener begins at 1:30 p.m. on Phil Brown Field.

**Cross Country:** Coach Bill Welch will have a young team to deal with this year, but luckily it's a team with experience. Junior Chris Wilson will undoubtedly hold on to the number one spot which he has had ever since stepping foot on campus. Recently, Wilson ran his best-ever time in the Engineer Stomp, a 4K race which he finished in 12:55.4. Top returning runners for the Engineers include junior Greg Dixon, all-ICAC last year; junior Steve Lawrence; and sophomores Brett Mazany and Mark Stremeler. Freshman Greg Feller also joins the ranks with good high school running experience. Last year Rose finished second in the challenging ICAC meet. Tomorrow the team will travel to Bellarmine Invitational.

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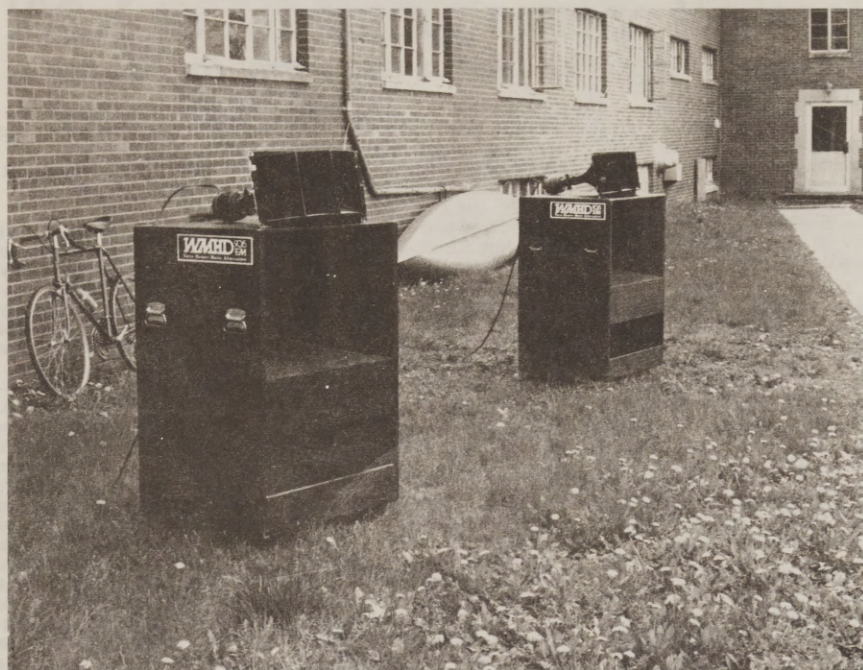


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## Call for Quotes

The *Rose Thorn* has begun full production for yet another year, and that means that quotes are needed. For those who were not here last year and for those who forgot everything over the summer, if your professor (or a student) spouts a humorous statement, write it down *exactly* along with the name of the professor and class (if applicable), and your name, then mail it to Box 1536. We may print it.

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— anonymous student to relieved roommates

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**G T E**

Now that school has been in session for over a week, one question has come up among the dupes at Rose. "Why am I here?!" The answer to the freshmen is that you were fooled by Admissions, but we veterans should know better than to return.

## Top Ten reasons to return to Rose-Hellman

1. A guy can only take beautiful women, edible food, decent living conditions, sleeping until noon, having money and stench-free air for so long.
2. \$14,326.37 pre-paid and *Non-Refundable*
3. One word: Parents
4. To see if you were the "winner" in SGA's *I Got the Biggest Butthead for a Roommate* lottery.
5. Brain Damage.
6. What!? Get off the educational gravy train and get a job?
7. I couldn't afford to go to Russia with the Russian Club and this seemed like the next best place.
8. "We were driving the Solar Phallacy through Terrible Hole at just the right time (in another of our off segments) so we stopped for school. We feel it was a sound strategic move."
9. It almost has to be better than wading through a desert, waiting for a hoard of crazed Iraqis to charge across the Saudi border, "invited by a provisional government." (dedicated to the ROTC and the REAL Reservists)
10. I needed to go to a town where a '75 Orange Pinto is considered a classic.

